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1. CRIMMINS DID NOT SAY WHAT WAS ATTRIBUTED TO HIM BY EL TIEMPO OR ANYTHING EVEN REMOTELY LIKE IT.
 2. THERE FOLLOWS FOR YOUR USE VERBATIM TEXT OF CERTAIN KEY PASSAGES FROM HIS REMARKS IN GENERAL COMMITTEE ON SUBJECT OF PLURALISM.
 3. " I THINK IT SHOULD BE VERY CLEAR THAT THE UNITED STATES ACCEPTS WHOLEHEARTEDLY THE PRINCIPLE OF PLURALISM, OR DIVERSITY, OR WHATEVER NAME ONE WISHES TO ATTACH TO THE PHENOMENON OF DIFFERENT SYSTEMS OF GOVERNMENT, DIFFERENT ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH CERTAINLY CHARACTERIZE THE COUNTRIES OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE INTER- AMERICAN SYSTEM. WE ARE PROUD TO FORM PART OF THAT DIVERSITY, THAT PLURALISM. WE CHERISH
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VERY DEEPLY THE DIFFERENCES AMONG ALL OF US IN OUR FORMS OF GOVERNMENT AND IN OUR STYLES OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATION. WE CHERISH VERY DEEPLY THE RIGHTS AND THE CONCERNS ABOUT RESPECT FOR OUR OWN SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT AND OUR OWN FORM OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATION THAT IS ENCOMPASSED IN THE TERMS PLURALISM OR DIVERSITY."

4. " THE TERM " IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM," WHICH IS USED BY SOME SPEAKERS ABOUT IT, IN OUR VIEW HAS A BROADER IMPLICATION, RATHER MORE VAGUE THAN PRECISE."

5. " THE TERM " IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM," IT SEEMS TO ME, IS RATHER MEANINGLESS. THE QUESTION OF IDEOLOGY FOR US, FOR THE UNITED STATES, IS NOT THE PRINCIPAL PROBLEM. TO ME THE TERM " IDEOLOGY" TENDS TO CONNOTE A CLOSED SYSTEM ORGANIZED ON RIGID LINES. THERE ARE DIFFERENCES IN VIEW ABOUT THAT, BUT TO ME, AND THIS IS MY FUNDAMENTAL POINT, THE CENTRAL ELEMENT OF DIVERSITY, OF PLURALISM, IS THE GREAT DIFFERENCES AMONG US IN OUR SYSTEMS OF GOVERNMENT AND OUR FORMS OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATION. SO MY OBSERVATION WITH RESPECT TO PROPER PHRASING OF THIS CONTROVERTED PHRASE WOULD BE TO SPELL IT OUT: PLURALISM WITH RESPECT TO SYSTEMS OF GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATION. I NOTE, WITHOUT TRESPASSING ON ANOTHER MATTER, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT INDEED THIS IS A DEFINITION USED IN A DOCUMENT WHICH WE WILL BE COMING TO SHORTLY I ASSUME."

6. " I DO WANT TO REITERATE, IN CLOSING THIS POINT THAT THE DECLARATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE DECLARATION OF SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, ARE REplete WITH THE POSITION THAT FOR THE UNITED STATES THERE IS FULL ACCEPTANCE OF DIVERSITY OR, IF YOU WILL, PLURALISM; THAT THE INTERNAL ORGANIZATION, THE INTERNAL SYSTEMS OF GOVERNMENT OR THE INTERNAL SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS OF GOVERNMENT ARE, RIGHTFULLY, NO CONCERN OF THE UNITED STATES. I WANT TO REITERATE THAT. IT IS A GUIDE STAR, A POLE STAR FOR US IN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT."

7. " IT WOULD BE REGRETTABLE IF THE CERTAIN REDUNDANCY IN THE TERM POLITICAL PLURALISM OR IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM
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WERE IN ANY WAY TO VITIATE THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF

NON- INTERVENTION AND SELF- DETERMINATION. AS I BELIEVE
THE DISTINGUISHED DELEGATE OF VENEZUELA POINTED OUT,
PLURALISM WHETHER POLITICAL OR IDEOLOGICAL, WHETHER IT'S
CALLED POLITICAL DIVERSITY OR IDEOLOGICAL DIVERSITY --
HOWEVER ONE WISHES TO CAST IT -- IS A COROLLARY OF THESE
TWO CARDINAL PRINCIPLES. IT IS A CONSEQUENCE, A RESULT,
A FRUIT. AND IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT THAT WHEN WE ACCEPT
THIS TERM, WHEN WE ACCEPT THE PRINCIPLE, WE DO NOTHING
TO IMPAIR THE GREATER GOOD OF WHICH THIS IS THE CHILD."

8. EMBASSY MAY USE ABOVE IN ANY CORRESPONDENCE WITH
EL TIEMPO. PORTER

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